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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

I write to you with concern about recent reports of your Administration's efforts to suspend, put on probation or force resignations of employees who have honestly disclosed past cannabis use. I ask that you clarify your employment policies and remove past cannabis use as a potential disqualifier.

Cannabis is legal for either medical or adult use in 36 states, with numerous states pursuing efforts to further legalize for adult use. In Minnesota, our state legislature is expected to vote on measures to legalize cannabis in the coming months following years of political and community organizing by activists throughout the state.

I stand ready to work with you as we revisit our country's drug laws, including the descheduling of cannabis as a Class 1 drug at the federal level. You have previously expressed your commitment to decriminalizing cannabis in acknowledgement that a cannabis conviction or even the stigma of cannabis use can ruin lives and prevent people from voting, gaining employment and contributing to society.

Minnesotans and the American people are demanding change to our harsh and unequally applied cannabis laws. I look forward to seeing your Administration reverse course on this harmful and unnecessary hurdle to hiring diverse and talented public servants.

I look forward to your timely reply.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress